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Milford Port Sanitary Authority.

Report of Medical Officer

FOR THE YEAR 1936.

MILFORD HOUSE,

MILFORD HAVEN.

Mr Chairman, my Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1936.

The "Constitution of Authority"; Limit of Jurisdiction and Quarantine Station are as described in previous Report.

1. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the Year.

TABLE A.

Foreign	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number Reported to be Defective	Number of Vessels on which Defects were remedied	Number of Vessels Reported as having or having had during the Voyage Infectious Disease on Board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector			
Steamers	6	13026	2	6	nil	nil	nil
Motor & Sailing	103	2673	4	103	1	1	nil
Fishing	96	5870	9	96	3	3	nil
Total	203	21569	15	205	4	4	nil
Coastwise							
Steamers	93	49368	6	93	3	3	nil
Motor & Sailing	45	18542	—	23	1	1	nil
Fishing	4578	359499	11	3596	35	35	one
Total	4716	427409	17	3712	39	39	one
Total Foreign and Coastwise	4921	448978	32	3917	43	43	one

II. Character of Trade of Port.

(a) Passenger Traffic during the Year nil

(b) Cargo Traffic

Principal Imports : Fish, Artificial Manure, General Merchandise, Oil Fuel, Timber.

Principal Exports : Coal.

Foreign Countries from which vessels arrive :

Belgium, Sweden, West Indies, France, Holland, Germany
Norway, Spain.

Port Facilities

The only industry of any magnitude in the area under your jurisdiction is the fishing industry at Milford Haven, and Milford Haven now ranks as the fourth largest fishing port in England and Wales. More Hake is landed here than at any port in the Kingdom and there are other varieties of fish in which Milford excels. In particular Milford has a supply of herrings for most of the year ; and the quality is unsurpassed

Milford Docks are splendidly equipped in every detail for assisting the fishing industry, There are two modern ice-making plants capable of a daily output of 300 tons. There are several engineering shops for carrying out all repairs to the fishing fleet ; there is a newly erected fish meal factory with all the latest machinery, and a new up-to-date box factory which can turn out 3,000 fish boxes per day. The market is 1,150 feet in length and the G.W.R. runs alongside the docks. The loading platform is covered in so as to avoid exposing the fish to the rain and sun.

The Mackerel and Herring Market has been extended 150 feet—and three electric conveyors have been supplied to carry the fish to the market.

At the present time there are 93 trawlers attached to the port and during most of the year a large number of drifters from the East Coast fish out of Milford. Of recent years a large number of Spanish trawlers visit the port during the spring and summer.

III. Source of Water Supply.

(a) For the Port:—An adequate pumping Plant gives a convenient supply of clean sea water for all purposes to every part of the Fish Market.

Hydrants are fitted along the Dock walls for the convenience of washing out the Fish Rooms

(b) For Shipping:—From Milford Haven Urban District Council.

(c) Number of Water Boats and their sanitary condition
nil

IV. Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933.

Under these Regulations the following proposals for Mooring Stations have been approved for Milford, Neyland, Pembroke, Haverfordwest and all other Small quays within Milford Haven, viz.:

(a) Under Article 10 (2)

“That part of the Haven bounded on the West by a line drawn 180 degrees from the flagstaff on the Fort of South Hook Point, and on the East by a line joining Little Wick No. 1. Bouy and Popton Point.

(b) Under Article 10 (1)

“The Ships’ place of Mooring, discharge or loading.”

This agreement is subject to the following understanding:

(1) That the mooring place referred to in (a) above, is for ships unhealthy under Article 12 (1) and that at (b) for all other unhealthy ships; and

(2) That a standing exemption from detention under Article 14 has been granted by the Medical Officer in respect of ships with infectious disease (other than Cholera, Plague, Yellow Fever, Typhus Fever and Small Pox) on board and ships (except grain laden) otherwise clean which have arrived from areas listed under Article II.

V. Infectious Disease.

All Vessels entering the Port are boarded by your Sanitary Inspector who reports any cases of Infectious Disease to your Medical Officer.

Arrangements have been made with the County Council for the immediate isolation and treatment of any such cases other than Yellow Fever, Cholera and Plague, at the Pembroke Dock Isolation Hospital

Here also arrangements have been made for the disinfection of infected bedding, clothing, etc., as well as for the cleansing of verminous persons. The Hospital is provided with a Motor Ambulance for conveying patients to the Hospital. In addition, you have your own Hospital at Sandy Haven, where any cases of Cholera, Plague or Yellow Fever would be admitted.

TABLE C.

Cases of Infectious Diseases landed from Vessels

During 1936	—	One
During last five years	—	4

TABLE D.

Cases of Infectious Diseases occurring on Vessels during the Voyage but disposed of prior to Arrival

During 1936	—	Nil
During last five years	—	Nil

The CLINIC for the treatment of Venereal Disease for the port of Milford is at Swansea General and Eye Hospital, where all Bacteriological work in connection with the Port is carried out.

Leaflets prepared and provided by the Ministry of Health giving information on the dangers of Venereal disease and on facilities for treatment are supplied when found necessary to the crews of Vessels by your Sanitary Inspector.

VI. Measures against Rodents

Ships that call at the port usually stay one day to unload their cargo, and take in stores, the vessels being chiefly trawlers and small cargo vessels.

If any rats are known to be on board, instructions are given to set traps and poison baits, and if these methods do not reduce the numbers the vessels is fumigated with S^{O}_2 which has always proved effective. Seven vessels were so treated this year.

During his inspection the Sanitary Inspector examines all food lockers, bins, trunks, etc., for traces of rats. The owners are advised to have all bins and food lockers lined with tin or sheet iron.

Gangways are not fitted to any fishing vessel, and rat proof discs are not fitted to the mooring lines.

There being no official Rat Catcher employed no record of the number of rats destroyed is kept.

This is not a Deratisation Port therefore no "Port II" forms are issued.

VII. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces

TABLE J.

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

Nationality of Vessel	Number Inspected during 1936	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British	3712	—	21	32
Other Nations	205	—	—	4

VIII. Food Inspection

Approximate Monthly Tonnage of Fish landed and inspected during the year		Monthly record of unsound fish condemned, surrendered & destroyed			
Month	Tonnage	Month	Tons	cwt	qrs
January	4486	January	—	—	—
February	4110	February	—	1	0
March	4120	March	—	0	2
April	3950	April	—	8	0
May	3892	May	—	13	0
June	3695	June	—	2	0
July	4660	July	—	6	0
August	5770	August	—	3	0
September	5170	September	—	1	1
October	4980	October	—	3	3
November	3840	November	—	1	2
December	3670	December	—	—	3
Total	52343	Total	2	1	0

Shell Fish

The South Wales Fishery Board is attempting to revive the Oyster Industry ; and about three years ago a large number of Portugese oysters were placed in different parts of the Haven. So far no oysters have been taken from these beds and it is too early yet to say whether they are flourishing or not.

Cockles are caught in Pennar, Pwllcrochan and Angle Bay.

Crabs and Lobsters are caught at Angle and Dale.

Prawns and Mussels at Dale.

During September a steamship of 3261 tonnage with a cargo of grain and beans from the Persian Gulf, struck a rock off the smalls and sustained severe damage. She was brought to Milford with 27 feet of water in her forehold and beached at Dale. It was found that the oil fuel tanks had been pierced and that a large quantity of oil had entered the holds. In order to try and save the vessel a Salvage Company pumped a large quantity of water and oil from the holds into the Haven, and it is feared that the oil has had a very detrimental effect on the Shell Fish in the Harbour

I have the honour to be,

Mr Chairman, my Lord and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

H. O. WILLIAMS.







